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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION

This responds to the Office action dated May 10, 2006. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.